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I. NEW ACTIVITIES

a. Student critiques covering Phase II, #4, which concluded on 6 November, specifically comment on the number of lectures which are being given throughout the course. The undersigned, therefore, examined in detail the schedule of that course in order to determine whether or not this criticism was valid, and also what steps could be taken to rectify any unsatisfactory situation. It should be noted that the question of the number of lectures has been continuously discussed and examined in the past and the current schedule reflects the number of changes that have been affected in recent months. The current schedule reflects a total of 188 hours for the five-week period and of these hours, 42 are somewhat less than 23% of the total course time (instruction time). The distribution of these lecture hours in ~~relation to~~ these weeks is as follows:

Week No.	Instruction Hours	Lecture Hours
1	36	13
2	32	8
3	40	13
4	40	8
5	40	—

It should also be pointed out that in the first week particularly there are a number of introductory lectures which must be given because they lay the ground work for the detailed material which follows. Further comment with reference to written material and lectures covering the same ground is perhaps in order. There has been a consistent effort made to introduce as much textual material as possible to replace the lectures and also to use the lectures where necessary as a means to present material to illustrate the text. With the arrival of new instructors with recent practical field experience, this has become much more possible than in the past. It is believed that by the end of this year the remaining subjects which are not adequately handled in this respect will be corrected. Among the lectures, those on [redacted] are undergoing extensive review at this time. [redacted] are scheduled for immediate review. The lecture on Personal Contacts is being reduced to 60 minutes. The lecture on [redacted] is in the process of being replaced by a case history. The lectures on Reassessment and Operational Data are being eliminated. It might also be well to comment on the fact that such items as [redacted] Authentication are devoted

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to a demonstration of practical materials for a good portion of the allotted time.

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II. OLD ACTIVITIES

a. With further reference to the B.T.A.T.M., student critiques again take exception to the organization of the manual, the redundancy of the language, etc. From several senior officers of the PM Staff with extensive military experience comes the suggestion that the manual be re-written along the lines of Army training manuals and that experts in the field of manual writing be consulted for that purpose. It is agreed, of course, that these suggestions have a considerable amount of merit. There is, however, the question as to whether or not by so doing we would make its use inappropriate for the training [redacted] who would be training in only separate subjects rather than in comprehensive tradecraft now included in the current material. This matter is receiving further examination. 25X1

b. The long term scheduling of the Basic Training courses has been completed and is being routed through Mr. Shaffer to the Chief, Plans and Programs Staff, for publication.

c. The test required by [redacted] for the PM Staff on the basis of Phase I material has been completed and forwarded for examination. 25X1

III. PERSONNEL CHANGES

a. [redacted] is attending the current CPW Course. 25X1

b. [redacted] transferred from OCD to OTR on 9 November 1953. 25X1
He will be an instructor in BIC(CS).

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